

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A reinforcing member that is integrally cast with a cast metal, comprising:

a material that is different from the cast metal; and

~~a hollow portion that is a closed space having no member therein portion; and~~

~~a porous body covering a portion of the reinforcing member or overall surfaces of the reinforcing member,~~

~~wherein the cast metal enters into pores of the porous body to secure the cast metal to the porous body.~~

2. (Original) The reinforcing member according to claim 1, the reinforcing member comprising:

a stacked structure having plated members;

openings formed at the plated members, the openings forming the hollow portion; and members laminated on both surfaces of the stacked structure and covering the openings.

3. (Currently Amended) The reinforcing member according to claim 1,

~~wherein the hollow portion is a closed space having no member therein the reinforcing member comprising:~~

~~a porous body covering a portion of the reinforcing member or overall surfaces of the reinforcing member.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The reinforcing member according to ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein the porous body is composed of a porous fibrous material of metal fiber.

5. (Previously Presented) An engine block comprising:

a journal portion for which the reinforcing member recited in claim 1 is used.

6. (Currently Amended) A production method for a reinforcing member having a hollow portion that is a closed space having no member therein that is integrally cast with the cast metal, comprising:

stacking plated members having openings; ~~and~~

laminating the plated members on an upper member and a lower member of the stacked plated members so as to cover the ~~openings~~ openings; ~~and~~

covering a portion of the reinforcing member or overall surfaces of the reinforcing member with a porous body

wherein the cast metal enters into pores of the porous body to secure the cast metal to the porous body.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The production method for a reinforcing member according to ~~claim 7~~claim 6, wherein the porous body is composed of a porous fibrous material of metal fiber.